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State Health Benefit Plan Offers Second Extension To SHBP Retirees For Medicare Part D

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) and the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) will allow a second extension period to March 1 for SHBP members to submit necessary documentation on Medicare D enrollment for a reduced monthly premium. SHBP members have an additional 30 days to submit verification and be eligible for a reduced monthly premium of \$32.20 per person or \$64.40 per family.

Due to the large volume of inquiries, the Department is increasing the number of fax lines to receive verification from members and providers acting on behalf of their patients.

“We certainly understand and recognize the volume of activity related to verification of Medicare D enrollment and, again, want to give our Medicare members every opportunity to take advantage of a reduced monthly premium,” said Dr. Rhonda Medows, commissioner of the Department of Community Health.

Members should mail or fax verification documents such as their Part D prescription card, enrollment confirmation letter or enrollment application to:

State Health Benefit Plan
Post Office Box 38342
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Fax # 404-651-5750 or 866-828-4796

SHBP members eligible for Medicare who do not enroll in Medicare Part D will pay additional premiums of \$64.40 per person or \$128.80 per family for coverage beginning April 2006.

Members with questions may contact the SHBP at 404-656-4594 or 404-463-7008.

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